



# The Columbine

Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club

## **A Look at Books**

February  
2007

**February 21, 2007**

**12:00 to 2:00 at the Elkhorn**

**Chicken salad croissant, fruit salad, and chocolate  
mousse. Cost: \$12**

**RSVP by Feb. 13 to Allison Fuller (359-6546) or  
fc\_osc@yahoo.com**

**Have you read a great book lately? Wanna pass it on  
to someone? Bring it to the luncheon and exchange it  
for someone else's. Bring a book or two, or three, and  
leave with that many!**

**We're also collecting new or gently used children's  
books for Abrams Elementary on post. The books will  
be used in classrooms and given to families.**

**And, there's more!!! A local author will be presenting  
a slideshow about Colorado.**

**Hope to see you there!!**

## “Steph’s Stuff”

Happy February, everyone. I hope your new year is off to a wonderful start.

This time of year is CRAZY busy...we’re gearing up for Casino Night, our biggest event of the year. I hope many of you are able to help Kate make it a huge success, and even if you’re not able to help, I hope you can come and enjoy the evening on March 17. Invite everyone you know and bring lots of friends with you!!

It’s also the time when we start looking for people to fill next year’s board. I encourage you to really consider it. It’s a great opportunity to put your talents to use helping the community and to have a lot of fun getting to know many wonderful people. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me or any other member of the board.

Thanks to all of you for your involvement in the club. What a great group of spouses you are. I’ve enjoyed the times spent with you so far this year and look forward to the ones yet to come.

~Stephanie Sharp

## “Kate’s Kuips”

Hi everyone!

I cannot believe how generous the people of Colorado Springs are! Over the last few months, I have met many extraordinary people who are very willing to give of their time, goods or money in order to help the Fort Carson community. Just this week, I was fundraising in the downtown area. Seabel’s, a gift shop, is in the process of moving to Pueblo, but I thought I would see if the owner would be willing to donate a gift certificate for Casino Night. Not only did she donate, but also she filled my car to the roof with merchandise. It was an amazing act of kindness to say the least.

Recently, I have spoken to many of our members who are willing and able to help with Casino Night. I can’t tell you how grateful I am for the support. I ask that all of you, who have time to work at the event, or at the sites for ticket presales, to email the club’s website at [fc\\_osc@yahoo.com](mailto:fc_osc@yahoo.com). We need to coordinate the volunteers so that every event at the function has enough staff. Remember – anyone can volunteer for the event that is over 18 years of age. Furthermore, contact me if you know of high school students who need service hours. They can assist on the set up and clean up dates (March 16th and March 18th respectively). We will have more details on the times of each event in the next few weeks.

Thank you all for being so supportive. Truly, this project is a team effort, and I could not accomplish anything without the membership. I hope to see you soon!

~Kate Beckage



## Anecdotes from Rose and Amanda

Hello Ladies,

January's Polish Pottery Bingo was a great success. Thank you to everyone for your help and support of our awesome Club! In particular, thank you to LeeAnn Nelson and Audrey Rothstein for loaning us their special Polish Pottery pieces for the table decorations. Congratulations to all of the lucky winners...we hope you're enjoying your new pottery!!

This month's Bring on the Books luncheon will be held at the Elkhorn on Wednesday, February 21st at 12:00 pm. Please make your reservation no later than February 14th. This is Jeopardy...Local Trivia at the Elkhorn will be on Wednesday, March 21st from 6:00-8:30. Look for next month's Columbine for more information! We hope to see you all at the Book Exchange on the 21st!!  
Rosemary Kerns and Amanda Wright  
2nd VP's



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## Babysitting and Services Corner

### Babysitters

- \*Collete Davis, age 12 (mother, Susan)...4 St. Lo Drive...559-5021
- \*Molly Sawyer, age 20 (mother, Maggie)...9459 Summer Meadows Dr...559-8514  
 ...has car, available after school (2pm)
- \*Erin Sawyer, age 18 (mother, Maggie)...9459 Summer Meadows Dr....559-8514  
 ...has car, available evenings
- \*Monica Lobner, age 14 (mother, Bonnie)...4220 Danceglen Dr...540-2734
- \*Sam Fritts, age 15 (mother, Karen)...7908C Bayonet Cir...559-8910...after school/wkends,  
 prefers potty-trained children
- \*Kathryn Fritts, age 12 (mother, Karen)...7908C Bayonet Cir...559-8910...after school/wkends

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### Lawn Services

- Erick Murphy (mother, Carina)...610 Fernglen Ct (Broadmoor Glen area)...226-0762



**We Create Community**

### February Highlights...

- 10th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance (385-6036)**  
 This dinner and dance is for young ladies 13 years old or younger and their special male escort. Mark your calendars now for April 20 or 21. Registration begins February 3 and continues until all 200 spaces per night are filled.
- Family Festival at Meadows Park Community Center (385-7940)**  
 Activities and presentations will highlight Black History Month, Groundsday Day, Valentine's Day, the Chinese New Year, President's Day and Mardi Gras. Open to all ages on February 14 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Soccer (385-5981)**  
 Registration ends February 16. Open to ages 3-15. Practices start the week of March 16; games begin mid April and end late May.
- Tackle Football (385-5981)**  
 Registration is February 20-March 9. Open to ages 9-14 (9th graders included). All participants must register in-person to be weighed and fitted for equipment. Practices start the week of March 19; games begin April 14 and end May 12.
- Wrestling (385-6005)**  
 Register now! Open to kids ages 7-16. Program runs Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 13-April 19 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Olympic Training Center.

Details at [www.springsgov.com](http://www.springsgov.com)!

*Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you!*



## February Birthdays...

Feb. 3: Louann Fultz  
Feb. 8: Karen Jones &  
Victoria Shaffer  
Feb. 11: Amy West  
Feb. 12: Robin Winger  
Feb. 19: Tonya Bullock  
& Maggie Sawyer  
Feb. 27: Erin Rose



## Join A Club...

**Bowling:** Kate Beckage 559-7470  
**Book Club:** Lynn Engen 576-2602  
**Dessert of the Month:** Amanda Waterman 382-4604  
**Quilting Club:** Maridee Hargis 559-9442 or  
Lisa Doyle 559-7494  
**Bunco:** Maggie Sawyer 559-8514  
**Hiking Club:** Barbara Knorr 527-0240  
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Hey you! Yes....you. Are you looking for a way to stay busy? Are you looking for a way to give back to the community? Are you just looking to have a good time? Then **we want you** to fill a position on the 2007-2008 Fort Carson Officers' Spouses Club. Positions include: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Membership, Scholarship, Ways and Means, Welfare, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Hospitality, Publicity/Advertising, Reservations, Columbine Editor, Parliamentarian, and Property Custodian. If interested, please contact the Parliamentarian (Amy Howard, 559-9100, howardx3@aol.com) and give her your name, a good contact phone number and the position in which you are interested. The haggard look on this year's board members has nothing to do with FCOSC.....really. ☺

**A SHOW OF HANDS**

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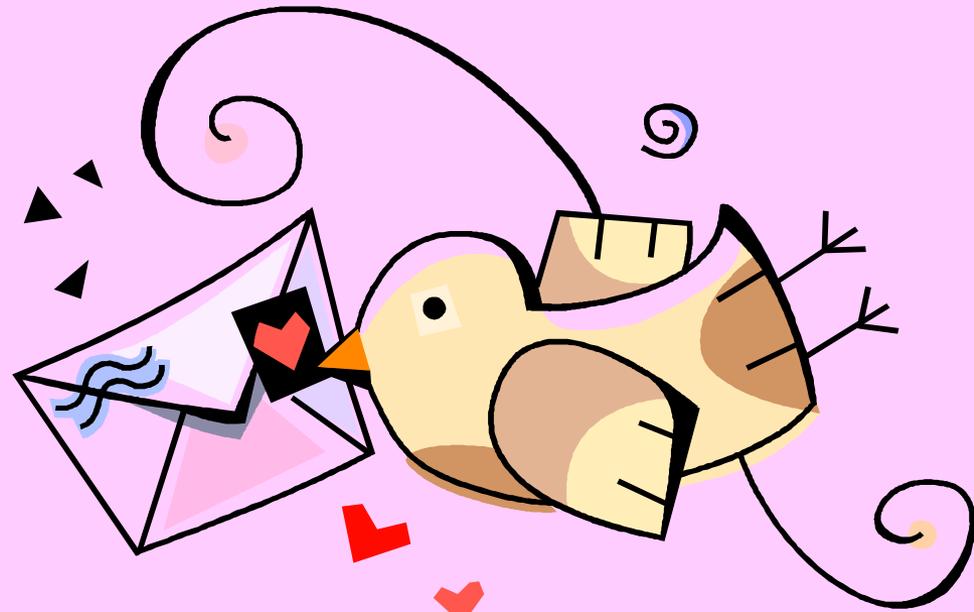
## This Month's Ravin' Restaurant Review



### **The Catbird Seat 323 N. Tejon St**

A great little restaurant nestled within a whimsical gift shop. Not the place to take your husband, but a GREAT place to have a nice lunch with girlfriends. Their delectable food is homemade. Try their chicken salad and don't forget **DESSERT!!!!**

It is Welfare Application time again. Welfare applications can be obtained by contacting Elaine Sampson at 886-4361 or sampsonem@yahoo.com. All applications must be post marked by April 1, 2007. The distribution will be in mid-April. Remember all funds distributed are raised by the FCOSC, so happy gambling at Casino Night.



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## FCOSC 2007 Scholarships Applications Available Soon!

The merit based scholarships are available for high school seniors, dependent children continuing education and military spouses continuing education. Applicants may only apply for one scholarship per year.

Applications will be available soon on-line at [www.carson.army.mil/OSC](http://www.carson.army.mil/OSC) or in hard copy at the Grant Library and Family Connection Center. Awards will be published in May.

Applications must be **RECEIVED** by March 31, 2007.

Good Luck!

Catherine Vuono

FCOSC Scholarship Chairperson

## Important Membership Information:

**\*\*Members who join from January through the end of the year only pay \$15 in dues.**

**FYI!** You can rent a bunny suit or silver serving trays, tea sets, and other service from the OSC.

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## 2006-2007 Events

- Wed, 18Oct, 12 to 2pm – Oktoberfest
- Wed, 15Nov, 6 to 8\*pm – Fajita Fiesta  
Penrose House, Turkey Creek
- Mon, 4Dec – Santa's Workshop Ribbon  
Cutting
- 4Dec to 8Dec – Santa's Workshop
- Sun, 10Dec, 2 to 5pm – Holiday Spectacular  
Tour of Homes
- Wed, 17Jan, 6 to 8:30pm – Polish Pottery  
Bingo
- Wed, 21Feb, 12 to 2pm – Bring on the Books:  
Book Exchange and Children's Book Drive
- Sat, 17Mar – Casino Night
- Wed, 21Mar, 6 to 8\*pm– This is Jeopardy..  
Local Trivia at the Elkhorn
- Wed, 18Apr, 12 to 2pm – How Does Your  
Garden Grow? Planting Tips for Our Climate
- Wed, 16May, 6 to 8\*pm – Wine Tasting and  
Installation at Taste of CO Wine Shop,  
Manitou Springs

\*Note time correction...evening events  
are intended to end at 8pm, not 9pm.

### Reservation Policy

- \*Reservations (and food choices) for FCOSC events must be made in advance. Please note the RSVP date in your copy of the Columbine.
- \*At each event, the reservations coordinator will greet you at the entrance where you will pick up your nametag and pay by check or cash. Sorry, no credit cards on site.
- \*Those who wish to hold permanent reservations may do so by providing their credit card information. If you choose to utilize this convenience and are unable to make an event, please call to cancel as soon as possible.
- \*Cancellations will be taken anytime after the RSVP date. Cancellations inside a 48-hour window will warrant a charge for the event.

### Childcare Policy

- The childcare policy has changed since the 2005-2006 year. Last year childcare was donated to FCOSC due to the large number of deployed soldiers. That has since changed. You are now responsible for your own childcare expenses.
- \*Childcare for morning events is available at the southwest hourly care center; your child must be registered through central registration to use this facility.
  - \*Reservations for childcare may be made up to two weeks in advance for daytime functions by calling 526-2463.
  - \* Evening childcare will be the responsibility of participating spouses. For a list of certified childcare providers, call central registration at 526-1101.
  - \* Child and Youth Services only allows 20 hours worth of childcare per week. If you have exceeded this allowance, they will not make your child's reservation.

## 2006-2007 Board Members

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Amanda Wright  
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